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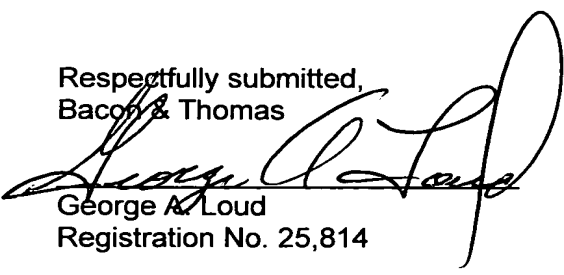
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Submitted herewith is a copy of the International search report issued in connection with the captioned application and in which the three of the four listed documents are cited. Note that U.S. 2001/0005575 and U.S. 5,921,774 correspond, respectively, to JP 2001-187071 and JP 10-99347. JP 10-99347 and JP 2001-187071 are mentioned as "Related Art" at page 1 of applicants' specification.

The fourth listed document, not cited in the International Search Report, is JP 11-164843, also mentioned as "Related Art" at page 1 of applicants' specification. A copy of JP 11-164843 and a published English language abstract thereof are submitted herewith.

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## U.S. Patent Documents

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	5,921,774	07-13-1999	Kamomi et al.			
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## Foreign Patent Documents

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	JP-A-11-164843	06-22-1999	Japan				

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